

## House Judiciary Committee

My name is Harry Sieplinga, I am a volunteer chaplain and a Michigan Businessman. For years I have been counseling inmates who are serving time in State prisons. I also provide assistance after their release.

The goal of chaplains throughout Michigan is the restoration of lives. We seek restoration for both criminals and victims. Restoration has critical consequences for the economics of our State.

Please consider the hidden cost of our current sex offender registry. It certainly contributes to unemployment, homelessness and welfare.

I am asking you to keep an open mind to risk assessment.

- Through risk assessment, Michigan can more effectively monitor serious threat offenders.
- Through risk assessment Michigan can save the money we are wasting on the monitoring of low risk offenders.

As a chaplain, I want to challenge the Judiciary Committee to also focus on restoring lives. Please help our State by restoring the lives of low risk offenders.

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